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Re: Request to Withdraw Application C6 Resources LLC—Underground Injection Control Permit Northern California CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction Project Montezuma Hills, (Solano County) CA

## Dear Michele:

C6 Resources LLC ("C6 Resources"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Shell, requests that our application for an Underground Injection Control ("UIC") Permit for the Northern California CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction Project ("the Project") be withdrawn. The project was to be a collaborative effort with the West Coast Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership. WESTCARB is one of seven research partnerships co-funded by the Department of Energy. At this time, C6 Resources has elected to discontinue its involvement with the Project.

On behalf of C6 Resources I would like to thank you for your time and interest in the demonstration project. Despite our decision not to continue with this project, Shell believes Carbon Capture and Sequestration ("CCS") remains an attractive technology for CO<sub>2</sub>. We continue to be an active member of WESTCARB and are supportive of its continuing efforts.

This decision - made at the highest levels of the company - is a result of Shell's comprehensive research on various paths to reduce carbon emissions at our Martinez Refinery. Although the Northern California CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction Project represents one option, other measures proved more attractive. This decision is a result of the consideration of many

factors. To be clear, the geological viability of the selected site in the Montezuma Hills is not among them, as C6 Resources remains confident that the site is appropriate. Rather, after additional review of the proposed Northern California project, it was determined that the demonstration project was duplicative of some of the CCS efforts that other affiliates of Shell already have underway in Europe, Australia and in North America. Above all, Shell remains committed to CCS as a viable and important CO<sub>2</sub> mitigation tool and bridge technology to the future fuel mix.

C6 Resources and specifically, the permitting team would like to thank you for your hard work and cooperative spirit with helping us with this unique permitting challenge. While the project ended prematurely, the experience and lessons learned throughout the permitting process are invaluable. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

**Edward Hymes** 

President, C6 Resources LLC

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